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**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**

In re Application of :  
McGinnis et al. :  
Application No. 09/877,525 :  
Filed: June 8, 2001 :  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR :  
INCREASING THE DEVICE COUNT :  
ON A SINGLE ATA BUS :

This is a decision in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed August 11, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

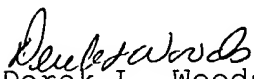
This Petition is hereby granted.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action, mailed May 11, 2004. The Office action set a three (3) month period for reply, and provided for extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a). No reply having been received, the application became abandoned on August 12, 2004. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed January 21, 2005.

With the instant petition, Petitioner has satisfied the requirements of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b). A Reply in response to the May 11, 2004 Office action is filed with the instant petition. Accordingly, the petition is granted.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center Art Unit 2112 for processing of the Reply filed August 11, 2005, in due course.

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